

# LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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**In the Matter of:**

**No. 17-I-265**

**AARON G. WESP, M.D.**  
*(applicant)*

**CONSENT ORDER  
FOR ISSUANCE OF LICENSE ON  
PROBATION**

The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") following receipt of information concerning Aaron G. Wesp, M.D. ("Dr. Wesp"), a physician who at all times material to the facts and matters alleged herein was engaged in the practice of medicine in Illinois, and who is applying for licensure to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana.

In connection with this matter, Dr. Wesp provided the Board a copy of the Consent Order<sup>1</sup> he entered into with the State of Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (the "Illinois Board") in 2012. Upon the effective date of the Illinois Order, Dr. Wesp's license was suspended for 90 days and he was placed on indefinite probation for three (3) years. Dr. Wesp satisfactorily complied with all of the terms and conditions of his Consent Order, ending his probationary period effective September 18, 2016.

Investigation of the captioned matter was assigned to the Investigating Officer for the Board, whose review and analysis of the matter indicates that just cause exists for recommending that an Administrative Complaint be filed against the physician, charging him with violation of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§37:1261-1291 (the "Act").

Without admitting to a violation of the Act, nevertheless, Dr. Wesp acknowledges that if findings were established before a hearing panel of the Board and the reported information is determined to be true, then the Board may take such against his license to practice medicine in this state that it deems appropriate, pursuant to La. R.S. §§37:1285A (13) and (29).<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Consent Order*, Department of Financial and Professional Regulation of the State of Illinois v. Aaron G. Wesp, M.D., License No. 036-088883, Case No. 2010-02090 (August 28, 2012).

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to La. R.S. §37:1285A, the Board may suspend, revoke, or impose probation or other restrictions on the license of an individual licensed to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana as a result of: (13) Unprofessional Conduct; and (29) The refusal of a licensing authority of another state to issue or renew a license, permit, or certificate to practice medicine in that state or the revocation, suspension, or other restriction imposed on a license, permit, or certificate issued by such licensing authority which prevents or restricts practice in that state, or the surrender of a license, permit, or certificate issued by another state when criminal or administrative charges are pending or threatened against the holder of such license, permit, or certificate.

In consideration of the foregoing, and on the recommendation of the Investigating Officer respecting the pending investigation, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state against the unprofessional, unqualified and unsafe practice of medicine, La. Rev. Stat. §37:1261, will be effectively served by entry of the Order set forth hereinafter, by consent.

Recognizing his right to have notice and administrative adjudication of any charges that may be filed in this matter, at which time he would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence on his own behalf in defense or in mitigation of the charges made, and to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951, *et seq.*, Dr. Wesp nonetheless, hereby waives his right to notice and formal adjudication and pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D), consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Wesp also acknowledges that he waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 *et seq.*, or which otherwise may be afforded to him by law, to contest his agreement to or the force and effect of this document in any court or other forum relating to the matters referred to herein. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Wesp also hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto to present this Consent Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully disclose to and discuss with the Board the nature and results of the investigation and he waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Dr. Wesp expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of information to the Board by the Investigating Officer shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to pursue formal administrative charges against him or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such charges should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order.

Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285 and La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

**IT IS ORDERED** that the license of Aaron G. Wesp, M.D. be issued to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana on PROBATION for a period of six (6) months from the effective date of this Order; *provided, however*, that Dr. Wesp's license and his continuing benefits of the rights and privileges there under, shall be subject to his acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms and conditions:

- (1) **Quarterly Reporting by Employer.** Respondent shall request his supervisor or director of the healthcare facility where Respondent may practice and/or is currently practicing to submit quarterly reports to the Board regarding scope of Respondent's practice, his performance appraisals and any and all concerns regarding Respondent's conduct and/or ability to practice medicine with the requisite competency, skill and safety.
- (2) **Quarterly Reporting Due Date.** The first quarterly report shall be due ninety (90) days after the start date of the probationary period, and a subsequent report shall be due three months thereafter.

- (3) **Cooperation with Board's Probation and Compliance Officer.** Dr. Wesp shall immediately notify the Board's Probation and Compliance Officer of any change in his current home and professional addresses and telephone numbers and he shall direct all matters required pursuant to this Consent Order to the attention of the Probation and Compliance Officer, with whom he shall cooperate on all matters and inquiries pertaining to his compliance with the terms and conditions of this Consent Order.
- (4) **Absence from State – Effect on Probation.** Should Dr. Wesp at any time during the period of probation ordered herein be absent from the state of Louisiana or relocate to and/or take up residency in another state or country, or discontinue practicing medicine, for a period of thirty (30) days or more, he will so advise the Board in writing. In such instance, the probationary period ordered herein and all terms and conditions thereof, shall be deemed interrupted and extended and shall not commence to run until Dr. Wesp notifies the Board in writing that he has returned to, relocated in and/or taken up residency in, or resumed the practice of medicine in the State of Louisiana. In such instance, Dr. Wesp shall not receive credit toward completion of the probationary period for the time during which he was absent from the State of Louisiana or while he was not engaged in the practice of medicine.
- (5) **Board Approval of Medical Practice.** Following the effective date of this Order and for the duration of the probationary period, Dr. Wesp shall provide the Board with information including a complete and accurate description, name and contact information of his practice setting and his immediate supervisor, and such further information as the Board may request, concerning any practice setting in which Respondent intends to practice medicine. Respondent shall not engage in the practice of medicine in any practice setting in advance of the Board's specific written approval of such practice setting.
- (6) **Payment of Fine.** Dr. Wesp shall pay a fine of \$1,000 to the Board, which payment may be made within ninety (90) days of the acceptance of this Order by the Board.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that upon receipt of two positive quarterly reports from his employer, Dr. Wesp may petition the Board for an unrestricted license.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any violation or failure of strict compliance with this Order by Dr. Wesp shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such action against Dr. Wesp's license to practice medicine in this state as the Board may deem appropriate, as if such violation were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

Signed at New Orleans, Louisiana, and effective on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June,  
2017.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD  
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

By:

K Barton Farris, —  
Kenneth Barton Farris, M.D.  
*President*

STATE OF IL

PARISH/COUNTY OF Hancock

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
AND CONSENT**

I, AARON G. WESP, M.D. hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 31 day of May, 2017.

Aaron G Wesp MD  
AARON G. WESP/M.D.

**WITNESSES:**

Trisha Vass  
Signature

Trisha Vass  
Typed Name

Carthage IL  
Address

Alexandra Morgan  
Signature

Alexandra Morgan  
Typed Name

Carthage, IL  
Address

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Hancock, IL,  
this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2017, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

Haley Horton  
Notary Public (Signature/Seal)

Haley Horton  
Notary Public (Printed Name)/Bar-Notary #

